NIGHT PRAYERS

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LET'S GO MEET NICK JR.
I CAN MEET WITH NICK JR?
WHEN I FINALLY AGLE TO MEET HIM!
WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME? WHY AM I HESITA-TING?

WHAT HAPPENED? YOU LOOK PALE.
HIV VIRUS...
DO YOU WANT ME TO CARRY YOU AGAIN?

FUUUUUH
I-IT'S TRUE THAT IT'S NOT RIGHT TO SUDDENLY HUG A WOMAN, BUT—
It's not like I did it on purpose!
CLENCH
WHEN YOU HEARD THE NAME OF HIS ILLNESS,
YOU SEEM SCARED

AIDS IS INDEED A FEARFUL DISEASE
CHUUUTT
AIDS WAS ORIGINALLY
NOT CONTAGIOUS IN THE DAILY LIVES OF US HUMANS.
JUST LIKE HOW THE MEDIA BEEN TELLING YOU
WHEN EXPOSED,
IMMEDIATELY INFECTED AND 99,9% WILL DIE.

WE CAN'T SHOW ANY SIGN OF NERVOUSNESS, DOUBT OR ACTING DIFFERENTLY IN FRONT OF HIM.
CAN YOU DO THAT?
BUT THE PROBLEM NOW,
IS THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY GOT INFECTED.
NICK JR ILLNESS IS NOT YET SEVERE, BUT...
WE ARE HERE TO HELP THEM MAKE PEACE WITH THEIR CONDITION.

DOES HE
KNOW WHAT HIS DISEASE IS?
OF COURSE
BECAUSE THEY WILL HAVE TO LIVE WITH THIS ILLNESS ALL THEIR LIVES,
PATIENTS WERE TOLD ABOUT THEIR ILLNESS, THE MEDS AND THE NEEDED TREATMENTS.

NICK JR' ROOM IS AT THE THIRD FLOOR, NUMBER 5307
WHAT IS HIS HAIR AND EYE COLOR?
IS IT SIMILAR TO YOURS? IS HIS VOICE SIMILAR TOO?
I WANT TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT YOU
THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I'D LIKE TO TELL HIM...
ONE MORE THING,
NICK!
FINALLY I CAN MEET YOUR SON.

PLEASE DON'T SAY ANY-THING ABOUT HIS FATHER
LIKE I HAVE TOLD YOU, HE WAS SEPARATED FROM HIS FATHER SINCE HE WAS FOUR, AND SINCE THEN HE DIDN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING
HE ALSO DOESN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT
NICK WASN'T TOLD THAT HIS FATHER HAD DIED TWO YEARS AGO

HE ALSO WASN'T TOLD
ABOUT HIS MOTHER'S DEATH FROM AIDS SIX MONTHS AGO
NICK JR IS VERY GENTLE AND SENSITIVE
BECAUSE HE KEEPS MOVING FROM ONE INSTITUTION TO ANOTHER SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND HIS BEHAVIOR
IT TOOK TWO MONTHS FOR HIM TO HOLD A NORMAL CONVERSATION WITH US, THE HOSPITAL STAFFS AND DOCTORS
DURING HIS FIRST MONTH HERE HIS BODY COULD NOT ADAPT VERY WELL,
THUS HIS FEVER HADN'T WENT DOWN FOR THE WHOLE MONTH

AT THE BEGINNING, HE HAD BRONCHITIS.
BUT EVENTUALLY HIS CONDITION, BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY WERE GRADUALLY GETTING BETTER
TO MAKE HIM WORRY, TIRED, OR USING TOO MUCH ENERGY WILL WORSEN HIS CONDITION.
FOR NOW, PLEASE KEEP HIM CALM

NICK GALLAGHER Jr.
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KNOCK KNOCK
YES?
CREAK

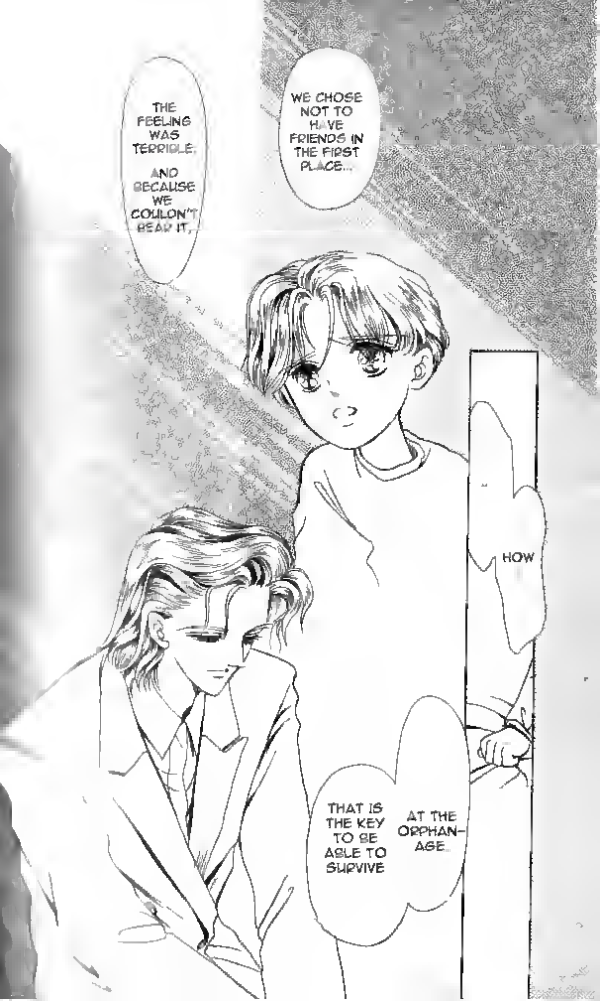
HELLO,
NICK GALLAGHER JR !
GOOD DAY
I'M KEVIN FORD-WARD.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
I DON'T KNOW YOU

I KNOW YOU
JUST A BIT
WHAT IS AFTER THIS?
CALM DOWN ..
WHERE DO I GO NEXT?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO ANYWHERE

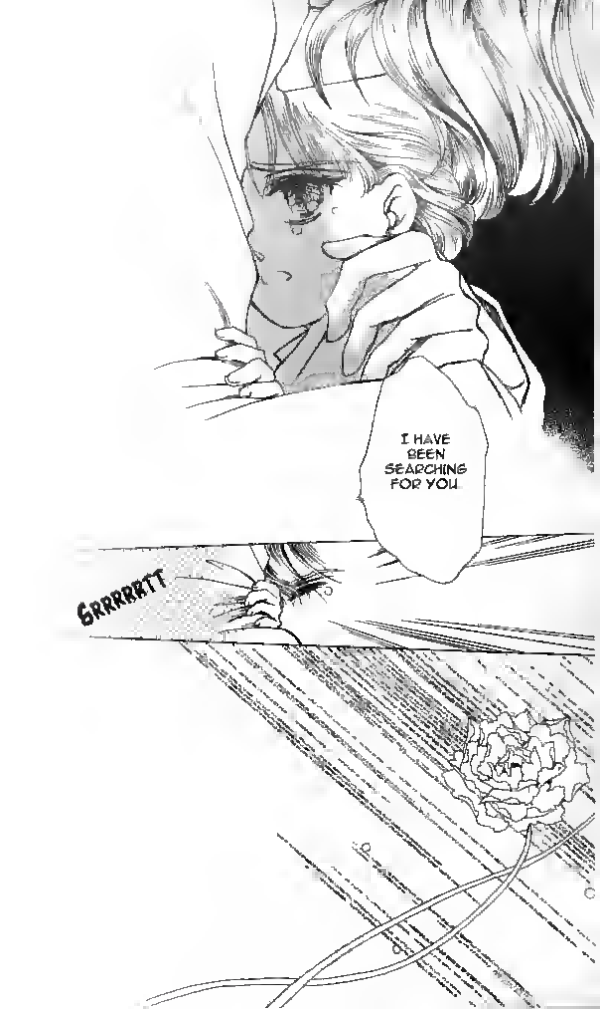
YOU'RE NOT FROM HOSPITAL, AREN'T YOU? YOU DON'T SMELL LIKE DISINFECTANT.
THEN... WHAT SMELL DO I HAVE?
I CAME HERE,
BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUN IF I CAN BE YOUR FRIEND.

BECA-
USE
WHEN I
GET
CLOSE-
IN
RPHAN
AGE
I DON'T
NEED
ANY
FRIENDS
KIDS
ARE
COME
AND
GO.

BACK TO THEIR HOMES
OR ADOPTED
AFTER GETTING CLOSE
TO HAVE EXPERIENCED HOW HAPPY WE WERE TO BE ABLE TO SHARE WITH A FRIEND,
WHEN SUDDENLY WE BECAME ALONE AGAIN,


WE CHOSE NOT TO HAVE FRIENDS IN THE FIRST PLACE...
THE FEELING WAS TERRIBLE.
AND BECAUSE WE COULDN'T BEAR IT,
HOW
AT THE ORPHANAGE.
THAT IS THE KEY TO BE ABLE TO SURVIVE

HOW
DO YOU KNOW THAT?

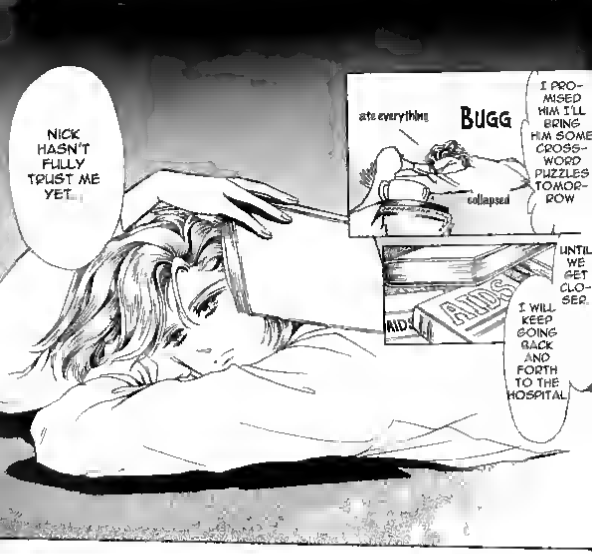

I HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU.
GRRRRRTT

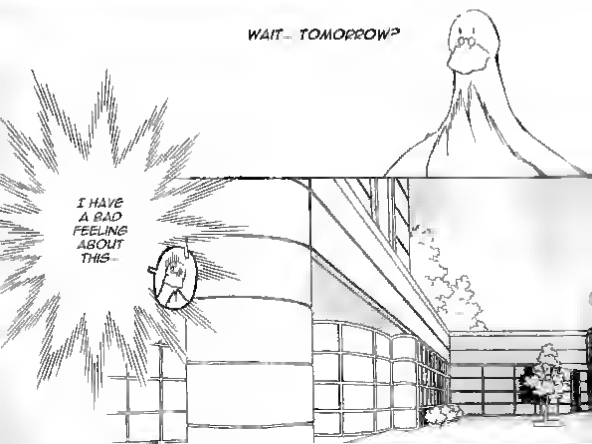
RRR
HELLO? THIS IS KEVIN FREDWARD RESIDENCE.
OH?!
IT'S BEEN A LONG WHILE!

UNFORTUNATELY, KEVIN IS NOT HOME AT THE MOMENT.
I SEE. YOUR PARDON? DON'T TELL HIM?
AH. TOMORROW?
VROOOM!
HELLO CUFF.
DID YOU MEET WITH NICK JR?
GOOD DAY, KEVIN!

YES
FOR A 9 YEAR OLD HIS BODY IS TOO THIN
BUT,
BY THE WAY, YESTERDAY I GOT A NOTIFICATION FROM THE HOSPITAL.
I see...
THEY SAID YOU HAVE FAINTED FROM MALNUTRITION
THUMP
I HAVE PREPARED YOUR LUNCH
lunch? but I never had lunch
HIS HAIR AND EYE COLOR ARE JUST LIKE HIS FATHER

TAA DAA!!
FROM NOW ON, YOU HAVE TO EAT THREE TIMES A DAY!
ALL OF THIS JUST FOR ME?!
IF YOU'RE WEAK, IMPOSSIBLE TO TAKE CARE OF NICK JR!!
alrite alrite I'll eat!
EH? YOU WILL VISIT THE HOSPITAL AGAIN TOMORROW?


NICK HASN'T FULLY TRUST ME YET...
ate everything
BUGG
collapsed
I PROMISED HIM I'LL BRING HIM SOME CROSSWORD PUZZLES TOMORROW
UNTIL WE GET CLOSER.
I WILL KEEP GOING BACK AND FORTH TO THE HOSPITAL


WAIT... TOMORROW?
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...

HELLO, DOCTOR DENSHAM
HELLO, WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE TODAY?
I HAVE AN APPOINT-MENT WITH NICK JR

DID HE TALK ABOUT ME?
NO HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT YOU
YESTERDAY AFTER YOU WENT HOME NICK BECAME A LITTLE BIT MORE CHATTY
IF I TRIED TO MAKE HIM TALK ABOUT YESTERDAY, HE ALWAYS AVOID IT.
I WONDER WHY
HE'S USED TO BE LET DOWN.
THAT MUST BE BECA-USE

HE IS BEING CAUTIOUS
TO PROTECT HIS FEELINGS
IF HE HAD COUNT ON MY WORDS, HE WOULD HAVE HOPED AND HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO
HE IS AFRAID THAT I WASN'T REALLY COMING
YESTERDAY I TOLD HIM THAT I'M COMING BACK TODAY TO SEE HIM.
HE WOULD BE HURT FROM HAVING HIS HOPE BETRAYED
THAT'S WHY RIGHT NOW HE'S PROBABLY THINKING SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
BUT WHAT IF I DIDN'T COME? WHAT IF I BROKE MY PROMISE?
WHAT IF HE DIDN'T COME?

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK SO?
I HAD BEEN THERE.
WUGHH
dropped

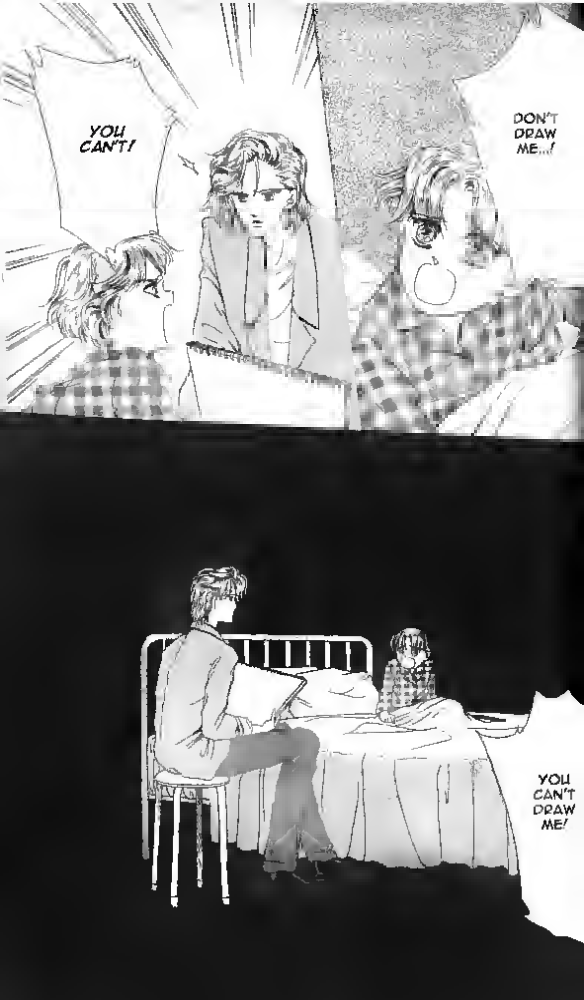
I DON'T WANT TO BE PERCEIVED AS A DESPICABLE PERSON.
PLEASE WAIT!
I MIGHT GET CARRIED AWAY IF YOU DO THAT.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN
SOR-RY,
I FORGOT THAT THIS IS A HOS-PITAL.
DO NOT LITTER THE FLOOR WITH YOUR CIGA-RETTE STUB
OKAY I HAVE OTHER MATTERS TO TEND TO.

HAA!?
IS HE SERIOUS!?
SORRY BUT IF IT'S ABOUT NICK
WE CAN TALK AT THE HOSPITAL-
NO IT'S NOT
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A DINNER WITH ME?
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE LIKE BEHIND THAT WHITE COAT.
I'LL SEE YOU LATER

HHH
WHEN DID I
SAY "OK"?!!
WHAT KIND OF WOMAN
DOES HE THINK I AM?!!
WHY DIDN'T I PUT ON A SOUR EXPRESSION?!!
UUUHHHH
DAAMNN

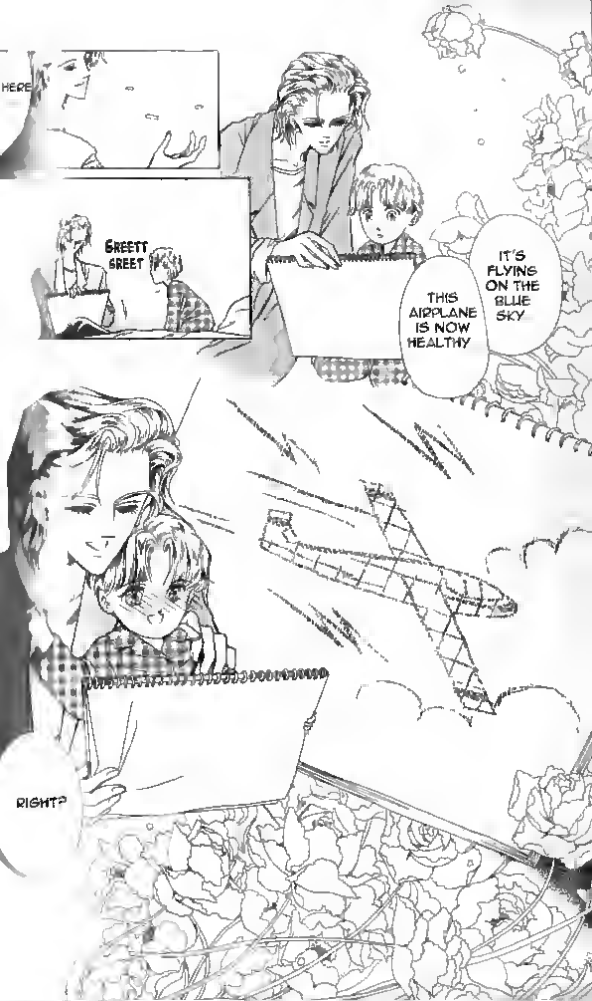
GOOD MORNING
HERE'S YOUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE
CROSS word PUZZLE
HM? WHY DO YOU LOOK SO SURPRISED?
YOU THINK I WOULDN'T COME?

ARE YOU DRAWING SOMETHING? CAN I SEE IT?
SATT
I THINK I WANT TO TRY TO DRAW TOO!
CAN I BORROW SOME PAPER AND CRAYONS?
SWEET
OH I KNOW! WHAT IF I DRAW YOU?
not sure if he can draw
HMM WHAT SHOULD I DRAW? BIRDS OR MAYBE CARS
THANK YOU


YOU CAN'T!
DON'T DRAW ME...!
YOU CAN'T DRAW ME!

....
MMM THEN!
I WILL DRAW AN AIRPLANE
OH HERE, LOOK!
GHUUT
YOU SHALL COLOR THIS ONCE IT'S DONE, OK?
he can draw afterall
GRET GRET

IT'S DONE!
THERE'S NO PLANE LIKE THIS...
THERE IS
THIS PLANE IS NAMED NICK
IT MATCHES YOUR PJAMAS
WHAT'S WRONG?
ALSO SICK?
IS THIS PLANE


HERE
GREETT GREET
THIS AIRPLANE IS NOW HEALTHY
IT'S FLYING ON THE BLUE SKY
RIGHT?

RUMOR SAID YOU'VE BEEN INVITED TO DINNER BY THAT HANDSOME GUY?!!
FROM
where did you hear about it?
SO WHAT ?
No way! It's not fair!
We were after him too!
Ah.. what a cruel world
BE QUIET!!
TAK TOK TAK
DOCTOR DENSHAM
DOCTOR DENSHAM!
ARE YOU GOING?!
are you?
are you?
NO I'M NOT !!
OH BUT THAT WOULD BE SUCH A LOSS, DOCTOR HE'S EVEN CUTER THAN DR HYHILL!
YOU SHOULD GRAB THIS CHANCE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
ZEBBB
BEEP!
OOOPS...
did we offend her?

SKIIITT
GREKK
I'M GOING IN NOW
VERY WELL, MISS MARIA

I HATE THAT NAME.
HOW MANY TIMES I SHOULD REPEAT MYSELF?
OH... I APOLOGIZE
I HAVE BEEN ACCUSTOMED TO IT SINCE MADAM WAS A GIRL.
GO TO SLEEP, JOSHUA
MOMMY HAS SOMETHING TO TAKE CARE OF

BECAREFUL, HE'S ASLEEP
WHIS-PER
LOOK OVER THERE!
TEK TEK
THAT PER-SON!
SHE'S THAT FAMOUS MODEL
ESMERALDA, RIGHT?

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YOUR TURN
YOU LOOK RESTLESS. IS SOMETHING WRONG?

IT'S FINE, DON'T PUSH IT.
HUH?
IT'S OK IF YOU WANT TO GO HOME.
WHAT JOB IS THAT? A BURGLAR?
NOOOOOOOO!!
A WRITER!! I'M A NOVELIST!!
IT'S ALMOST MIDDAY NOW, DON'T YOU HAVE WORK?
ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED?
NO IT'S OKAY MY WORK CAN ONLY BE DONE AT NIGHT
so cold!
OH...
I wonder if he really gets it
CLICK
HELLO NICK, IT'S TIME TO EAT YOUR LUNCH!
EAT A LOT, OK!
THANKS!
OKAY, I'LL BE HAVING LUNCH TOO OK?

click
SAD
SIGH
I DIDN'T GET TO EAT ROSE-MARY'S COOKING...
EXCUSE ME
trang

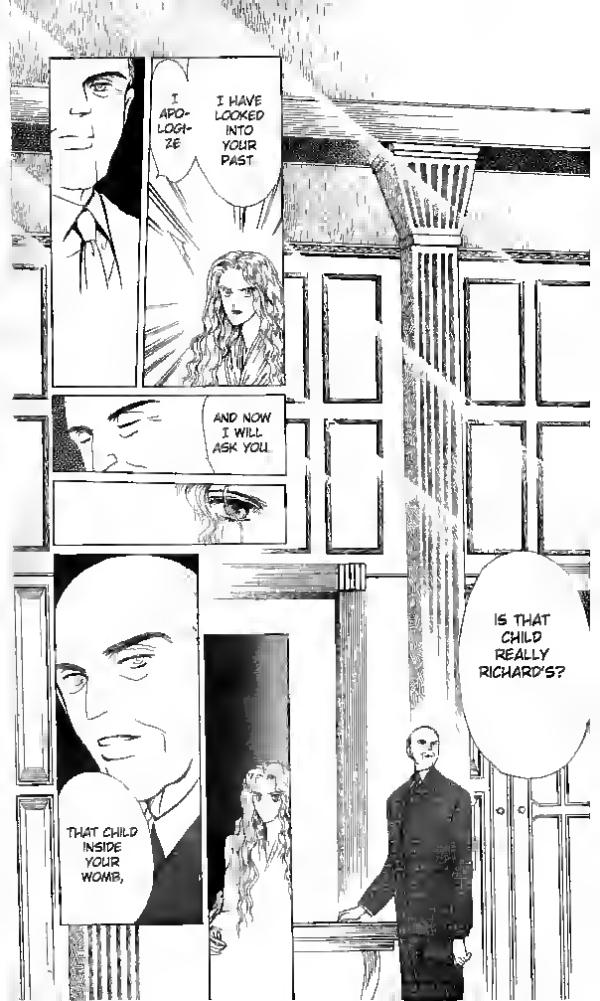
SHE LOOKED LIKE SHE HAD SOMETHING ON HER MIND WHEN I SAID THAT I WAS COMING TO THE HOSPITAL TODAY
I DON'T GET IT!
"I HAVE A BAD FEELING"
AS PLANNED,
YOUR HUSBAND WILL BE COMING HERE IN A FEW DAYS.
I UNDERSTAND

MR. DIRECTOR, FROM NOW ON, NO MATTER HOW BUSY,
HE WILL MAKE TIME ONCE A MONTH FOR A WEEK TO UNDERGO HIS TREATMENT
MRS. BLACKWELL
CONGRATULATION'S ON THE SAFE DELIVERY OF YOUR FIRST NEWBORN CHILD
MR RICHARD BLACKWELL CONDITION IS ALSO GETTING BETTER AND HE IS MORE CHEERFUL
THAT IS GREAT NEWS

THANK YOU, HE'S GETTING BIGGER NOW,
STARTING NOW I TOO WILL ACCOMPANY MY HUSBAND IN THERAPY SESSIONS
IT'S WONDERFUL
FOR A FAMILY MEMBER TO JOIN THERAPY SESSIONS
STILL ALWAYS BEEN LONELY
THOUGH HE'S BEEN IN THE GROUPS WITH THOSE LIKE HIM, TALKING HONESTLY AND OPENLY, HELPING EACH OTHER, YOUR HUSBAND HAS

AND HIS FATHER,
HAS NOT COME TO SEE HIM EVEN ONCE.
MR. BLACK-WELL IS INDEED A BUSY MAN
HIS WIFE CAME A WHILE AGO,
BUT SINCE SHE DIDN'T ASK FOR HIS PERMISSION TO COME HERE, HE WAS MAD AT HER
OH, IS IT YOU, THE DAUGHTER OF THE RANDSHAW FAMILY, THE ONE WHO . .

HAS BEEN WORKING TO HAVE AN EASY LIFE?
A SUPER MODEL
FOR ME IT'S THE SAME
JUST A TOOL TO DISPLAY GOODS AND COMMODITY.
DID YOU KNOW, EVER SINCE HE WAS A KID,
RICHARD HAS A SUITOR.
YES, I'M AWARE.
SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO WORK, DOESN'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING. SHE WILL BE A GREAT WIFE.
HEMM...
I DON'T LIKE A DOLL THAT CAN BE BOUGHT.
AND I DON'T LIKE A NAGGING OLD MAN WHO TRIES TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT

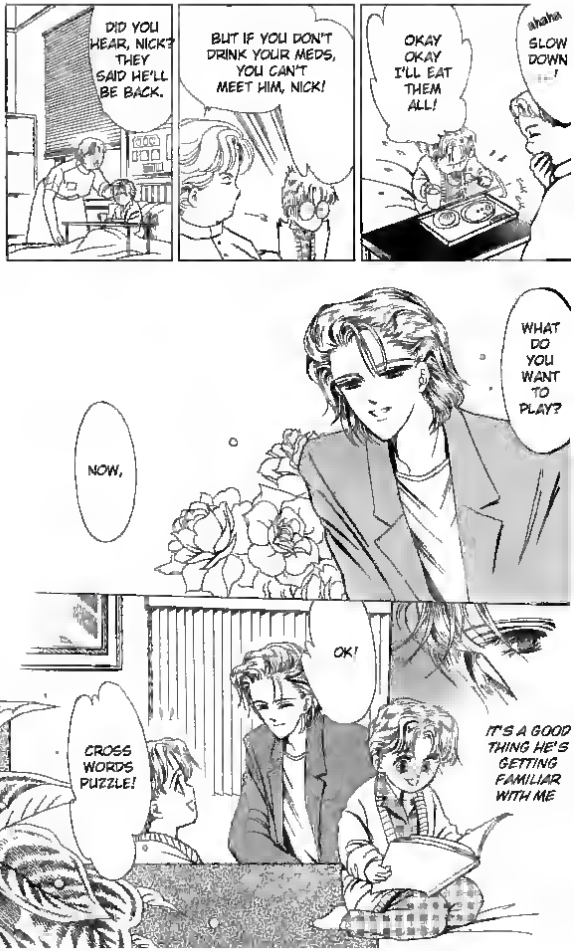

I APO-LOGI-ZE
I HAVE LOOKED INTO YOUR PAST
AND NOW I WILL ASK YOU
IS THAT CHILD REALLY RICHARD'S?
THAT CHILD INSIDE YOUR WOMB,

HHHHHH
THIS IS UNFORGIVABLE, GERALD G. BLACKWELL!!
ARE YOU OKAY, MADAM?
YES YES, I'M ALL RIGHT.
BUT I BELIEVE MR. BLACKWELL LOVES HIS SON
OTHERWISE HE WOULDN'T HAVE BUILT THIS HOSPITAL
HE'S NOT JUST A "SICK KID!"
BUT RICHARD ALSO NEED HIS FATHER!

THE LOVE AND SUPPORT FROM THEIR FAMILY.
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR PATIENT IS,
KNOCK KNOCK
YES!!
DID YOU FINISH YOUR LUNCH TODAY?
YOU'RE PRETTY SPIRITED!
THAT'S RARE,

I'LL BRING YOUR MEDS, DRINK AFTER YOU EAT, OK?
OH MY! YOU DIDN'T TOUCH YOUR MEAL! WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING ALL THE PAST 30 MINUTES? WERE YOU SPACING OUT?
OH NICK... AND YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE YOUR MEDS TOO...!
THAT GUY...
WHERE IS HE?
"THAT GUY"?
TODAY'S VISITOR.
I DIDN'T SEE HIM, MAYBE HE WENT BACK?

HE WENT BACK...
NURSE, THE IV FOR MR. FOX IS READY.
YES, THANK YOU!
OH, WAIT!
IS THE VISITOR THAT CAME TO SEE NICK ALREADY WENT HOME?
OH THE ONE WITH PURPLE JACKET?
I SAW HIM ATE IN CAFE-TERIA.
he attracts attention
HE'S COMING BACK, RIGHT?


DID YOU HEAR, NICK? THEY SAID HE'LL BE BACK.
BUT IF YOU DON'T DRINK YOUR MEDS, YOU CAN'T MEET HIM, NICK!
OKAY OKAY I'LL EAT THEM ALL!
ahaha SLOW DOWN!
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO PLAY?
NOW,
OK!
CROSS WORDS PUZZLE!
IT'S A GOOD THING HE'S GETTING FAMILIAR WITH ME

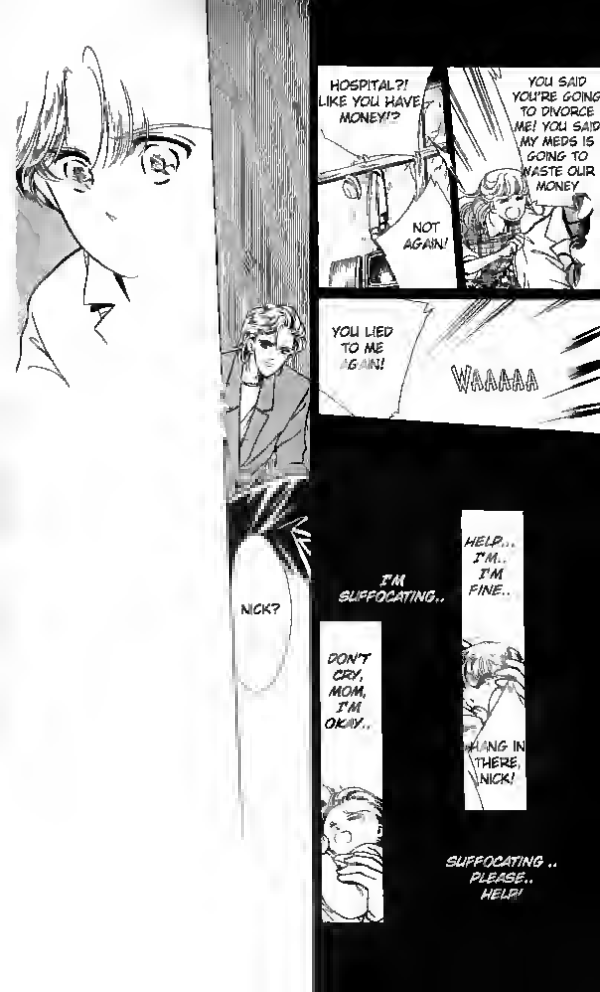
AH, THAT ONE
LOOKS HARD, IT SAYS
"FOR KIDS AGE 15 AND ABOVE"
YOU'RE STILL 9 SO WE SHOULD DO AN EASIER ONE..
IT'S OKAY, I KNOW THIS
THE TOPIC IS ABOUT WEATHER, RIGHT?
ONE VERTICAL IS "SEASON", TWO HORIZONTAL IS "COLD WIND"
YOU'RE SMART, AREN'T YOU?
HEHEHE
I LOVE LEARNING
AT THE DORM THEY HAVE A LOT OF BOOKS, YOU KNOW!
DORM? WHAT IS THAT PLACE LIKE?

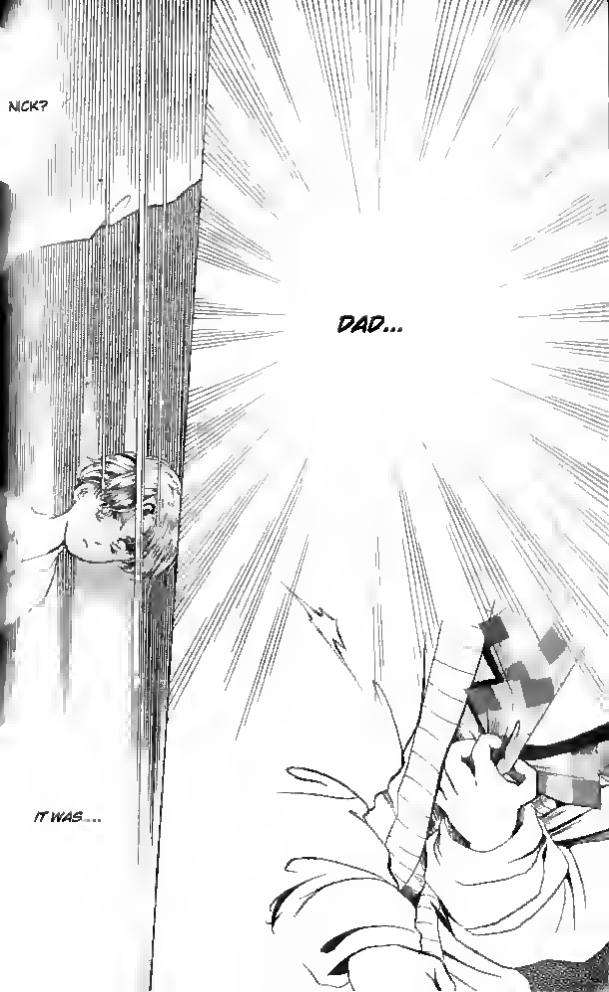
IT'S MORE CRUEL THAN THE ORPHANAGE
EVERYONE SAID I DIDN'T BELONG THERE
NO ONE'S TALKED TO ME
BUT I'M OKAY.
SOMETIMES I MANAGE TO GET THEM BACK
THEY SPAT ON ME AND HID MY STUFF
LIVING IN THE ORPHANAGE HAS ITS RULES,
AS WELL AS LIVING AT THE DORM
ABOUT STUDYING,
Physics
CAUSE WHO CARES!!

NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY HATED SOMEONE, IF THEY GOT GOOD GRADES,
NO ONE WOULD BOTHER THEM
BUT IF THEY'RE STUPID, THEY WILL BE EASILY BULLIED.
I STUDIED HARDER THAN ANYONE.
I WAS LUCKY THAT I REALIZED THIS SOONER SO
ONE DAY, I GOT A GOOD GRADE AND WAS PRAISED BY MY TEACHER.
AS EXPECTED, NO ONE BULLIED ME EVER AGAIN.
AFTERWARDS I WAS PRETTY MUCH COMFORTABLE I WAS LONELY BUT I'M USED TO IT.
BUT I--
SEVERAL YEARS LIVING THERE,
MY ASTHMA STRIKED BACK
ASTHMA?
YEAH ...
THERE'S LIKE A WINTER SOUND FROM THE DEPTHS OF MY LUNGS
I WANT TO BREATHE BUT CAN'T

I CAN'T SPEAK
IT WAS VERY PAINFUL
LIKE I WAS DYING.
HIS LIFE IN THE PAST...
HAS BEEN TAKING ITS TOLL ON THIS TIMID AND FRAGILE BODY
IT'S OKAY...
FROM NOW ON, I WILL BE BY YOUR SIDE

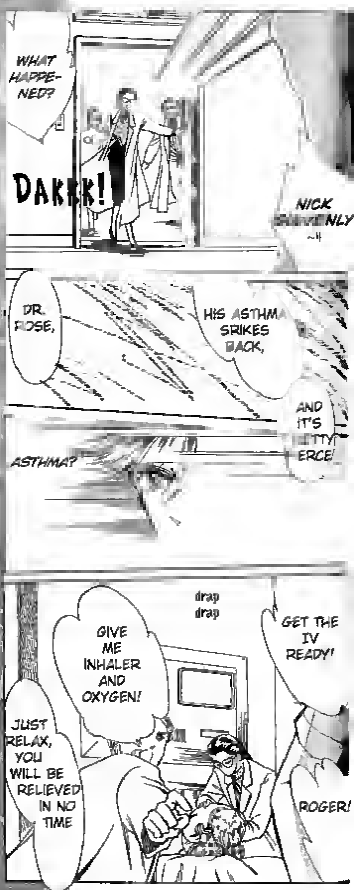
I THINK SOMEONE ALSO SAID THAT... A LONG TIME AGO
WHO WAS IT? STROKING MY HAIR, HE WAS LOOKING AT ME,
AND SAID,
"HANG IN THERE."
IT WAS...
YOU!
NICK JR, HANG IN THERE!
I'M RIGHT BESIDE YOU!
CUT IT OFF! I'M TAKING HIM TO HOSPITAL!


HOSPITAL?! LIKE YOU HAVE MONEY!?
YOU SAID YOU'RE GOING TO DIVORCE ME! YOU SAID MY MEDS IS GOING TO WASTE OUR MONEY
NOT AGAIN!
YOU LIED TO ME AGAIN!
WAAAAA
NICK?
I'M SUFFOCATING..
HELP... I'M.. I'M FINE..
DON'T CRY, MOM, I'M OKAY..
HANG IN THERE, NICK!
SUFFOCATING .. PLEASE.. HELP!


NICK?
DAD...
IT WAS...

IT'S NOT DAD, MOM! I'M THE ONE AT FAULT! I'M THE ONE WHO'S GUILTY
MY DISE-ASE TOO!!
I SUFFER BECAUSE OF HIM! MOM!
BECA-USE OF HIM!
MOM!
HHHHKKK
"PANT"
HHHHHHKK
NGHHKK

HANG IN THERE, NICK!
HIIKKK
THEREFORE,
HEEEEEKK THEREFORE,
PLEASE!
TEET
'EST
NURSE! PLEASE HELP! NICK IS HURTING!
CALM DOWN!
DR. DENSHAM AND DR. ROSE FROM PEDIATRIC WILL BE RIGHT THERE!
PLEASE BE STRONG
THE DOCTOR IS ON HER WAY!
GIICK
IT WAS.
THE PERSON WHO WAS ALWAYS BESIDE ME WHEN I WAS SICK...
IT WAS DAD..


WHAT HAPPE-NED?
DAKKK!
NICK
DRIVENLY
~!!
DR. ROSE,
HIS ASTHM
SRIKES BACK,
AND IT'S
TTY
ERCE!
ASTHMA?
drap
drap
GET THE IV READY!
GIVE ME INHALER AND OXYGEN!
JUST RELAX, YOU WILL BE RELIEVED IN NO TIME
ROGER!

NICK!
"pant"
"pant"
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE WORRIED, NICK WILL BE FINE
PLEASE WAIT OUT-SIDE
BLAMM!
BEGGG!
DAMN IT!!
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?! HE WAS PERFECTLY FINE A FEW MINUTES AGO!!

track took
HE WILL BE OK. DR ROSE IS VERY EXPERI-ENCED WITH ASTHMA PATIENTS
ARE YOU OKAY?
YOU SEEM SHOCKED

YOU DID YOUR BEST, IT'S ENOUGH.
IF I WERE HIS REAL PARENT,
YOU CAN LEAVE IT ON OUR HANDS NOW.
I...
DO ANY-THING
MAYBE I COULD DO MORE...
COULD NOT...
IF YOU DON'T, DOCTORS WOULDN'T HAVE JOBS...
IT'S BETTER FOR YOU TO GO BACK HOME NOW.
I'LL TAKE YOU OUT-SIDE.

WHAT EXACTLY CAUSED THE ASTHMA ATTACK?
HE WAS PERFECTLY FINE NOT TOO LONG AGO...
ASTHMA CAN BE CAUSED BY ALLERGIES
allergic like, to eggs or fish?
WHAT EXACTLY CAUSED IT IS STILL UNKOWN.
MOST CASES ARE CAUSED BY DOG'S FLEA.
IT'S COMPLI-CATED.
CAN BE CAUSED BY ENVIRON-MENT,
SEASON, OR PSYCHO-LOGICAL.
PSY-CHO-LO-GICAL?

YES, CAN BE A CASE WITH OVER-PAMPERING PARENTS,
GRRRRR
OR PARENTS WHO HAVE TOO HIGH EXPECTATION FOR THEIR CHILD
your Father doesn t care!
don t cry mom, I ll take care of you
mom i want that cake from that store!
yes, dear
OR NEGLECTED PARENTS
THIS IS WHAT WE CALL, "LOOKING AT YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR WHEN YOU ARE 20"
BUT
DON'T HAVE TO BE SPOILED
BECAUSE IF WE LOOK AT IT CAREFULLY
OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTIONS CAN DETERMINE THE OUTCOME OF OUR CHILDREN.
IT MEANS WHEN SOMEBODY REACHED 20,
THEY THOUGHT, "I'M LIKE THIS BECAUSE OF MY PARENTS"

I DOUBT LITTLE KIDS WOULD WANT THAT.
NICK JR. TOO.
THE ENVIRONMENT CREATED BY THEIR PARENTS.
SOMEBODY'S CHILDHOOD
WAS PERFECTLY CONTROLLED BY

A FEW GOT LOST BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT RECOVER FROM THE WOUND THEY GOT WHEN THEY'RE LITTLE

NOW...
COUGH
IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN... YOU WERE INVITING ME TO DINNER?
IF BY DINNER YOU DIDN'T MEAN HOSPITAL'S CAFETERIA, TOMORROW EVENING I'M FREE.
CAN I GUIDE NICK JR. ,?

IF YOU HAVE DISAPPOINT-MENTS,
BUT, YOU MIGHT THINK I'M AN APATHETIC DOCTOR
IT'LL BE BETTER IF
YOU SHARE IT WITH SOMEONE
YOU FIRST HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR OWN HEALTH
FOR EXAM-PLE,
SOME-ONE WHO WANTS TO MAKE THE OTHER HAPPY,
WANTS TO SHARE A LITTLE

BUT THERE ARE TIMES
WHEN IT MIGHT HURT THEM
YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING?
YEAH
THE PEOPLE WHO CAN GUIDE THAT CHILD
I DID NOT REALIZE...

WHAT IS
YOUR FIRST NAME?
GLORIA DENSHAM.
GLORIA.
OK, GLORIA.
BECAUSE I ALREADY INVITED YOU, CAN'T YOU BE A LITTLE BIT MORE CHEERFUL?
UMM
MAYBE
KEVIN?!
YOU'RE TOUGH.
TEK TOK TAK

ARE LIKE ROSEMARY
GLORIA, YOU
TAPP
CREAK
SHUUTT

LIKE WHO?
KEVIN FRED-WARD !!
ESMERALDA ?!

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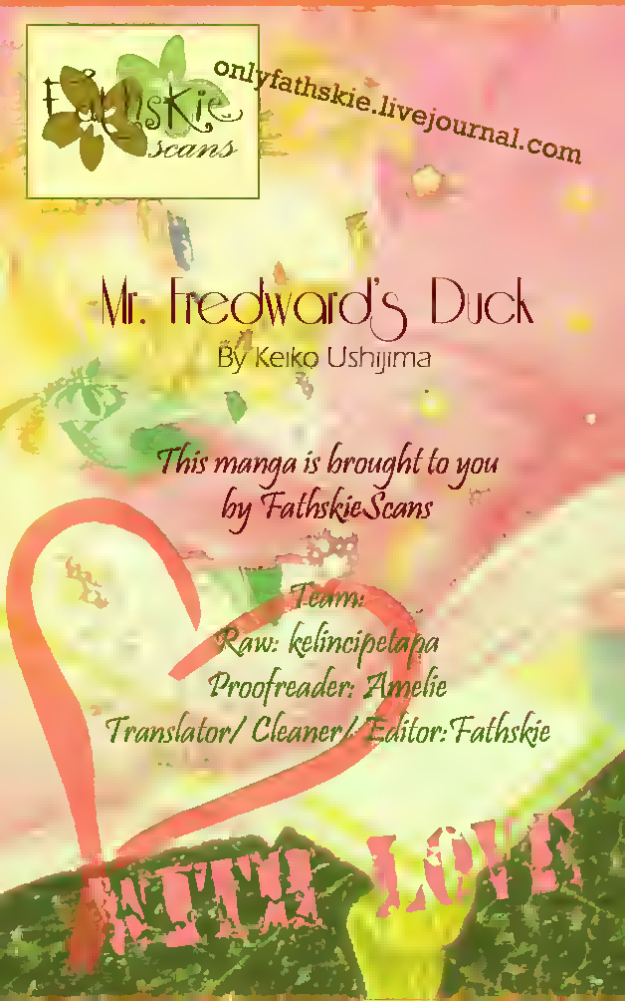

SOMETIME

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HIGH I CAN'T RECALL WHERE
I THINK I'VE SEEN THIS WOMAN SOME-WHERE BEFORE
BEAUTIFUL AND GORGEOUS!
A VERY AWKWARD POSITION
BEEP
COME ON, KEVIN! INTRODUCE US!
UHMM.. THIS IS...
GLORIA DENSHAM I'M A DOCTOR IN THIS HOSPITAL

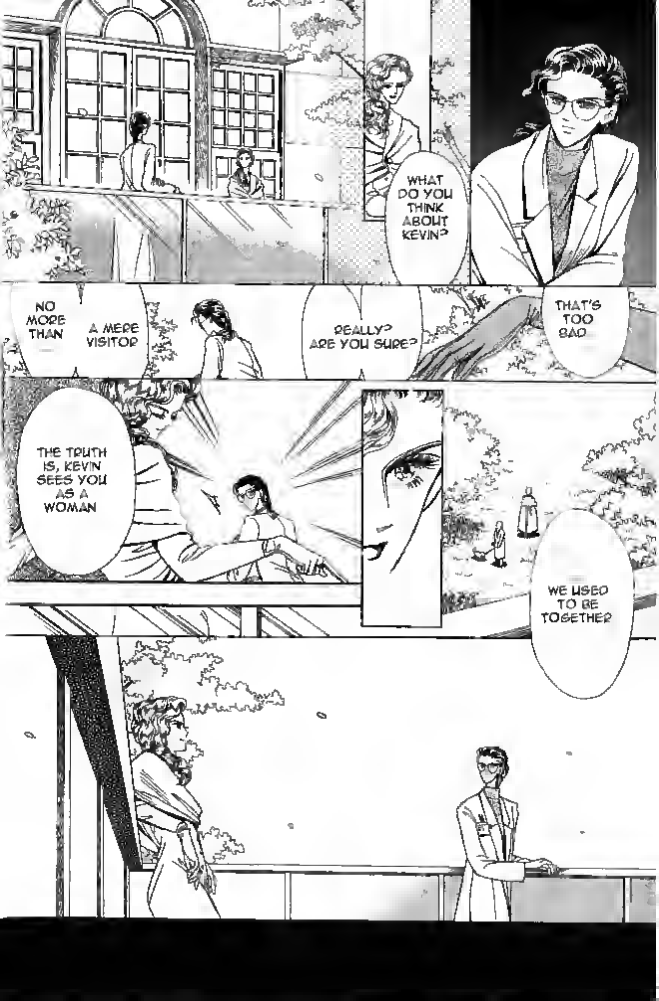
let me introduce you
.....
AH, GLORIA,
THIS IS
HEEE
MARIA CHRISTINE RANDSHAW,
PLEASE CALL ME ESMERALDA.
COMPLETELY IGNORED
HOHO HOHO
you're the one who asked me out in the first place!
HAVE YOU ASK HER OUT YET? LIKE YOU ASKED ME?
BE QUIET!
I ...
...WANT TO SEE ROSE-MARY,

SHALL WE GO TO YOUR HOUSE?
I HAVE MANY THINGS I WANT TO TELL YOU
I STILL HAVE WORK TO DO, EXCUSE ME
GLORIA!
GLO-RIA!

IN THE HOSPITAL, DO YOU MIND CALLING ME "DOCTOR" ?
HUH?
TO-MOR-ROW,
I WILL PICK YOU UP HERE AT SIX.
I CANCEL MY DATE WITH YOU FOR THE NEXT THOUSAND YEARS
GOT IT?
huh?
is she mad?
ppffftt!!

ALREADY BACK IN THE MARKET, KEVIN?
AHOHOHO
THAT'S NOT IT!!!
YOU'RE A DEVIL!
A WITCH FROM OUTER SPACE!
we haven't met for quite a while now.
CHUSSO
sprouting those words, you're too vulgar Kevin
BUGG
KEVIN WAIT,
I LEFT SOME-THING INSIDE,
PLEASE WAIT HERE
TEK
TEK
TEK
DOCTOR!

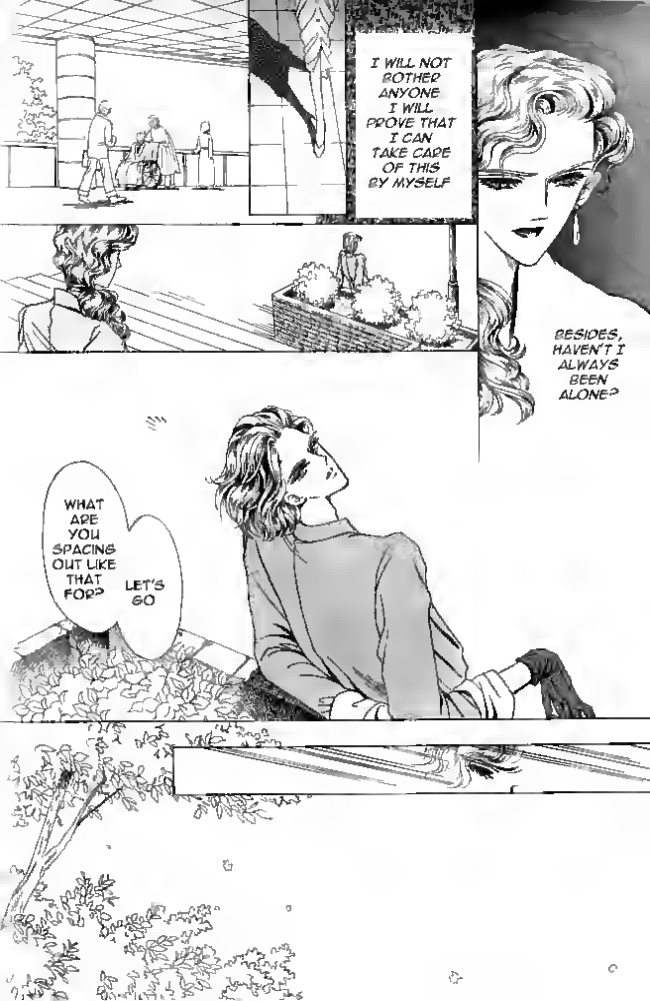
.....
I WAS TOLD TO KEEP IT A SECRET FROM YOU.
MY APOLOGIES.
TRING!
HELLO ROSEMARY?
YES I'M AT THE HOSPITAL NOW.
DID YOU KNOW ESMERALDA WAS COMING HERE?
WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE,
THAT WITCH ..
IS COMING WITH ME TO THE HOUSE


WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT KEVIN?
THAT'S TOO BAD
REALLY? ARE YOU SURE?
NO MORE THAN A MERE VISITOR
THE TRUTH IS, KEVIN SEES YOU AS A WOMAN
WE USED TO BE TOGETHER

WITHOUT MY F THER'S NOR MY F MILY'S INFLU- ENCE,
SUR- VIVED IN THE HARSH WORLD
SHOWBIZ
AND MANAGED TO CLIMB UP TO MY CURRENT POSI- TION
KE- VIN W S ALSO LIKE THAT.
HE WAS NOT THE TYPE OF GUY WHO WOULD JUST BE CCEPTED ANY- WHERE.
HE'S DEFI- NITE- LY
NOT THE TYPE OF GUY WHO CAN BE IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH AN ORDINARY WOMAN LIKE YOU.
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO HANDLE HIM

SO YOU CAN "HANDLE" HIM?
HE'S NOT AN OBJECT
HE IS A HUMAN BEING
EXCUSE ME
TAP TOP TAP
ESMERALDA DID YOU EVER THINK OF HIS FEELINGS?

IF YOU DID, HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT TO FATHER?
YES, RICHARD I THOUGHT ABOUT IT OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
THERE IS NO OTHER WAY!
YOU..
ESME-RALDA,
A BROTHER TO KEVIN AT ALL!
I WON'T BECOME


I WILL NOT BOTHER ANYONE. I WILL PROVE THAT I CAN TAKE CARE OF THIS BY MYSELF
BESIDES, HAVEN'T I ALWAYS BEEN ALONE?
WHAT ARE YOU SPACING OUT LIKE THAT FOR?
LET'S GO

MISS ESMERALDA!
ROSE-MARY!!
I HAVE BEEN WANTING TO SEE YOU!
YOU LOOK WELL!!
AS USUAL, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU CAN GLIDE FASTER THAN YOU CAN WALK
pardon?
IS THIS THE BABY?
AAA
YES! THIS IS MY PRINCE, JO-SHUA
HE LOOKS LIKE A FAIRY!
CONGRA-TULATION, MISS ESME-RALDA!
KEVIN, LOOK OVER HERE!
OH MY, SO CUTE!
AAA...

His eyes and lips are just like you!
AAaa...
THIS DOG WAS UGLY AS A PUPPY
BUT NOW HE LOOKS PRETTY NICE
recalls a bad memory from the past
DO YOU PLAN ON STAYING TONIGHT?
COUGH
SHE'S NOT STAYING!
I KNOW! I'M GOING HOME!
HAHA

ARE YOU GOING? BUT DINNER IS READY.
I'M SORRY, BUT MY CAR IS ALREADY WAITING OUTSIDE
BUT,
I PROBABLY WILL COME AGAIN
BE-CA-USE
RICHARD IS GOING TO BE HOSPI-TALIZED.
OH MY, PLEASE DON'T GIVE ME THAT LOOK
ARE YOU WORRIED?
IT WILL BE JUST ONE WEEK, IT'S ONLY FOR REGULAR CHECK UP.
MY FRIEND OWNS A VILLA IN THE NEIGHBORING TOWN.
besides, there's no satisfying hotel in this small town.
LUCKILY I CAN BORROW IT.
MMM... MMM...
BUT BECAUSE IT WILL BE A ROUTINE ONCE IN EVERY MONTH.
IT BECO-MES SOME-WHAT TROUBLE-SOME

.....
IF POSSIBLE, I'D LIKE TO BUY A HOUSE HERE
I WANT TO RAISE JOSHUA IN A PLACE WITH CLEAN AIR
Just don't stay in my neighborhood
like you seriously can live in a small town?
WHAT ABOUT YOUR MODELING JOB?
YOU REALLY DON'T WATCH CELERITY NEWS DO YOU?
you never did..
WELL I STOPPED MODELING
YOU DON'T SEE A MODEL WITH A KID DO YOU?
THERE'S A LOT OF NEW FACE TOO
YEAH
THE SUCCESSOR OF A BLACKWELL FAMILY, MRS BLACKWELL INDEED DOES NOT HAVE TO WORK
OHHH

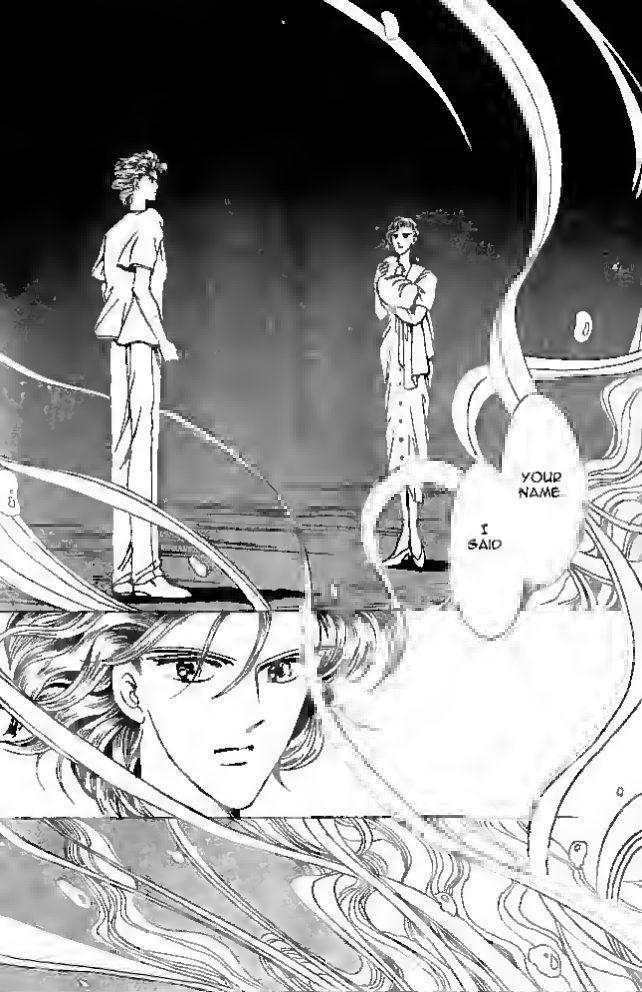
OAAAAA
ARE YOU HUNGRY?
OW OWW
WHAT'S WRONG, SWEETIE?
KEVIN SORRY BUT
COULD YOU LEAVE THE ROOM FOR A WHILE?
HMM
WHAT?
KEVIN
KLEK
UHH R-RIGHT
just realized it
NO LONGER THE WOMAN THAT I USED TO KNOW
THAT'S RIGHT SHE'S A MOTHER NOW, SHE HAS A SON

THANK YOU.
UMM.
KEVIN YOU
NEVER ONCE
REALLY LOOKED AT THIS CHILD.
THIS IS MY SON
YOU DIDN'T EVEN TOUCH HIM
DO YOU HATE THIS CHILD?

YOUR SON AND RICHARD
THANK YOU
HE IS MY LIFE, MY JEWEL
HIS PURENESS TAKES AWAY ALL THE BAD THINGS

HE SAID, THAT TO RAISE RICHARD'S SON,
IS TO RAISE A FUTURE DIRECTOR OF THE BLACKWELL.
I'M NOT SUITED TO BE THIS CHILD'S MOTHER
RICHARD'S FATHER SAID,
GIVE JOSHUA TO ME.
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS HOW.
LIKE I DID WITH RICHARD
I WILL EMPLOY THE BEST BABY-SITTER
AND THE BEST TUTORS.
WHAT?!
JOSHUA WILL BECOME RICHARD'S REPLACEMENT?
PREPARED TO BE THE BLACKWELL'S SUCCESSOR IN RICHARD'S PLACE.
HE WILL NEED TO RECEIVE TRAININGS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,
THERE IS NO MUCH TIME LEFT.

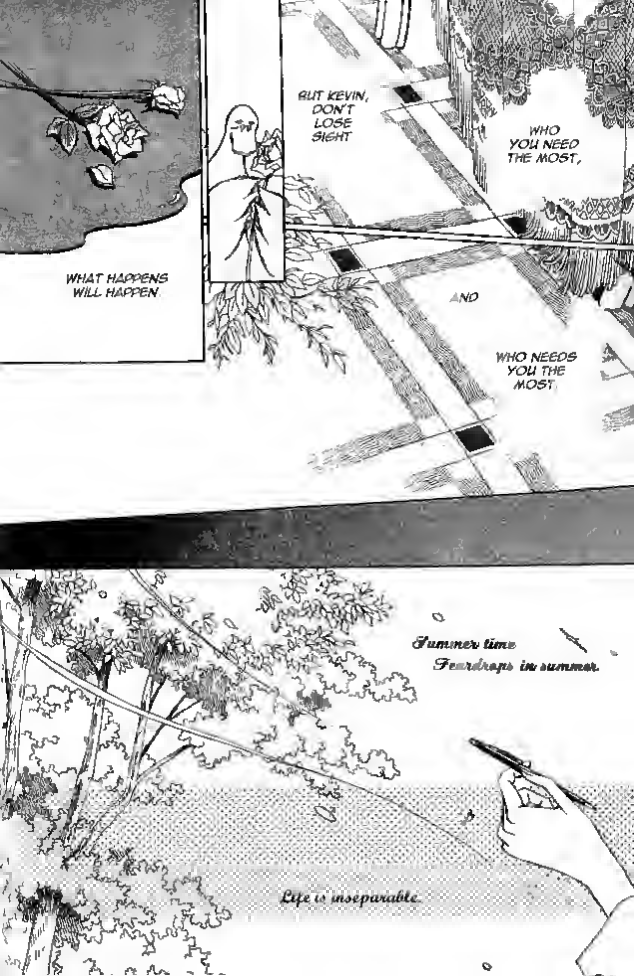
RICHARD
IS STILL HEALTHY!
JOSHUA IS NOT A REPLACEMENT FOR ANYONE!
I WILL NEVER SURRENDER THIS CHILD TO ANYONE
AFTER THAT, I TOLD RICHARD'S FATHER THIS
JOSHUA IS NOT RICHARD'S SON.
BUT THE CHILD OF THE MAN I ONCE DATED


YOUR NAME...
I SAID

I KNOW IT'S TOO LATE TO APOLOGIZE
BUT I COULDN'T POSSIBLY SEND HIM AWAY.
I'M SORRY.
I WILL NOT DISTURB YOU
EVER

KEVIN, DO YOU WANT TO DRINK?
mhm.
OR DO YOU WANT TO SMOKE?
hmm.
I guess we have no choice
SPLASH!
HANG IN THERE, KEVIN.
ARE YOU BACK?
I M SOR- RY
I WILL MOP THE FLOOR AND WIPE THE CHAIRS AFTER THIS.
MM THANKS
I'M GOING TO BED.
without knowing anything, I became a father?
DNK
I WON- DER WHAT
MISS ESMERALDA MEANT?

.....
WHAT-EVER
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.
SHE'S ALREADY MARRIED.
THAT CHILD IS NO DOUBT RICHARD'S.
SHE IS ALWAYS LIKE THAT.
HER HUSBAND WILL DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.
NEVER GIVES A DAMN ABOUT WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO SAY.
ALWAYS DECIDING THINGS ON HER OWN.
SLAM


WHAT HAPPENS WILL HAPPEN
BUT KEVIN, DON'T LOSE SIGHT
WHO YOU NEED THE MOST,
AND
WHO NEEDS YOU THE MOST
Summer time
Teardrops in summer
Life is inseparable

In the heat of the sun and it's blinding rays, we can smell the sweetness of flowers
Look,
YOUR VOICE IS NICE
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HEARD YOU SING
OKAY NICK, YOUR FEVER WENT DOWN
embarrassed
IT'S ALMOST NOON, DO YOU WANT TO
WATCH TV WHILE WAITING FOR LUNCH TIME?
TODAY HE'S LATE, ISN'T HE?
WHO'S LATE?

him, huh?
OH
THAT SHORT EGG-PLANT
MAYBE HE WON'T COME ANY-MORE.
HE WAS DISGUST-ED BY IT
BECAUSE HE SAW MY ASTHMA RELAPSED,
DON'T SPEAK NON SENSE!
THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS!
YOU DID?
LIKE HIS JOB, OR HIS FRIENDS?
THINGS LIKE THAT?
I WAS THINKING OF DAO
YESTER-DAY, WHEN IT HAPPENED,

NO NOTHING LIKE THAT I WOULDN'T KNOW BECAUSE
I WAS SO LITTLE WHEN WE GOT SEPA-RATED
NOT ABOUT THAT, BUT
FEELING HIS SMELL, HIS HANDS, AND WHEN I HAD BREATHING TROUBLE, HE WAS ALWAYS THERE.
IT'S WEIRD ISN'T IT, I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT DAD BEFORE.
MOM ALSO NEVER SAID ANYTHING
ONLY YESTERDAY I THOUGHT OF HIM.
DOCTOR, WHAT IS MY EYE COLOR?
WHAT?
THE COLOR IS A CLEAR GREEN, VERY PRETTY.
WHY?
ARE JUST LIKE DAD'S
THEY SAID MY EYES AND HAIR COLOR

ARE BLUE, AREN'T THEY?
BUT
THAT GUY'S EYES,
NICK,
YOU DON'T THINK THAT KEVIN
IT WAS JUST A WISHFUL THOUGHT
THAT'S WHY I WAS THINKING,
HOW NICE
TO BE VISITED BY DAD THESE DAYS

THAT GUY ISN'T MY DAD,
BUT WHY DOES HE KEEP VISITING ME WHEN WE'RE UNRELATED?
HE ISN'T A SOCIAL WORKER,
NEITHER DOES HE PLAN TO ADOPT A SON
DO YOU KNOW WHY, DOCTOR?
WELL...
WHY DON'T YOU ASK HIM DIRECTLY?
I CAN'T.
WHY?
BECAUSE IF I KNOW THE TRUTH,
THE MAGIC WILL BE LOST,
AND HE WILL DISAPPEAR
Guardian
open

HEY.
SORRY I WAS WAITING HERE.

WHAT IS YOUR BUSINESS?
BEFORE I SEE NICK JR, I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR YESTERDAY
AND IF POSSIBLE
I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU ONE MORE TIME
FORGET IT
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A REPLACEMENT FOR THAT WOMAN DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH
YOU LIKE HER, DON'T YOU?

WHAT ABOUT YOU INVITE HER INSTEAD?
IN A GLANCE,
SHE CAN'T BE IN-VITED.
BESIDES, I DON'T W..NT TO INVITE HER.
WE'VE DATED EACH-OTHER
BUT THAT WAS ON THE PAST.
SHE'S MARRIED NOW
SHE IS THE WIFE OF THE SUCCESSOR OF THE BLACKWELL FAMILY.
PRESUMP-TIONS PIERCED THROUGH HER.

SHE'S NOT MARRIED.
SO SHE'S THE ACTRESS THE NURSES GOT ALL EXCITED ABOUT YESTERDAY?
WHOA
BLACK-WELL?!
OMG
you just realize?
OH
BUT WAIT
SHE MUST BE SINGLE.
THEN WHY IS THE RING ON THE MIDDLE FINGER OF HER LEFT HAND?
get real
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT,
SHE REALLY DID MARRIED IN CHURCH.

PERHAPS SHE DID MARRY IN CHURCH BUT
MAYBE SHE DIDN'T REGISTER HER MARRIAGE.
SHE DIDN'T REGISTER HER MARRIAGE!
I WILL NOT DISTURB YOU EVER
THAT WOMAN!
WANTS TO CARRY HER BURDEN ALONE!
ABOUT HER SON, ABOUT RICHARD'S ILLNESS, ABOUT HER CONFLICT WITH HER FATHER-IN-LAW...

YOU, A LITTLE PRETENDER!!
SWISH
KEVIN!
THIS IS NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS.
WHO YOU DATE WITH, THAT'S NONE OF MY BUSI-NESS.
THAT'S RIGHT.
WHO YOU'RE GOING WITH,
WANT TO GO WITH HER?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
BUT ...

WHAT ABOUT NICK?
WHAT ABOUT THAT KID?
AFTER YOU GET CLOSE
DO YOU PLAN TO LEAVE HIM JUST LIKE THAT?

WHILE THAT CHILD IS YEARN-ING,
PUT-TING HIS HOPE ON THIS USE-LESS MAN,
AS IF YOU WERE HIS OWN FATHER
WHAT DID YOU SAY?

EVEN NOW,
HE'S WAITING FOR YOU IN HIS ROOM
YOU PROMISED HIM, DIDN'T YOU?
NICK IS NOT A KITTEN OR A PUPPY!
CAN'T YOU BE MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS?!

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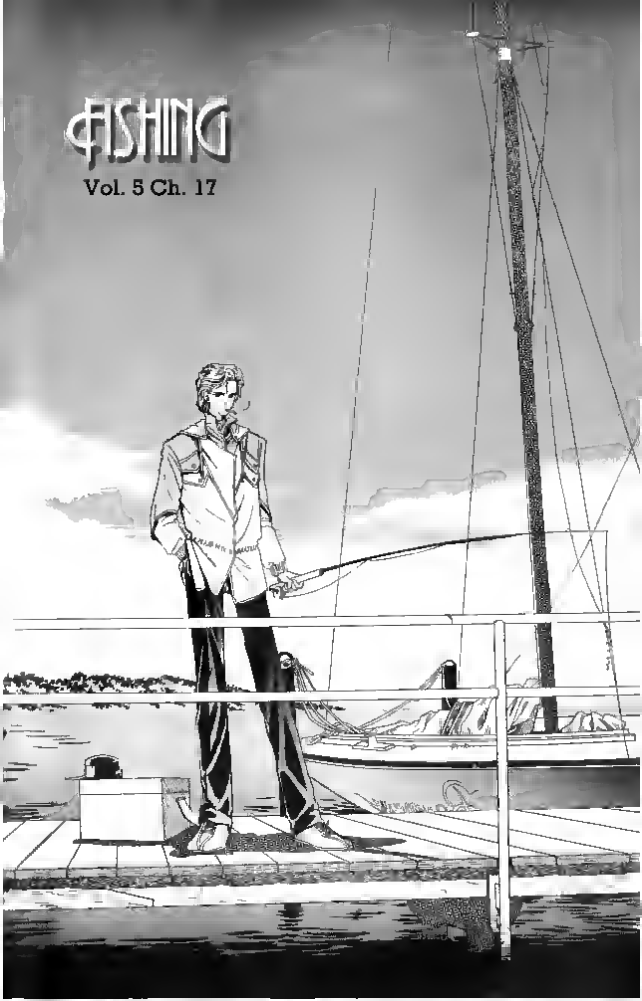


GOOD AFTER-NOON
HEY
GOOD AFTER-NOON
Click
YOU'RE LATE TODAY
I CAME BY THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE FIRST
NICK ISN'T A PUPPY OR A KITTEN!

JUST LIKE YOU SAID, GLORIA HE IS NOT AN ANIMAL.
HE'S NOT A KITTEN THAT CAN BE LEFT BEHIND WHEN IT'S RAINING OUTSIDE
AND HE'S NOT THE LITTLE BOY, CLIFF.
ESMERALDA IS PROBABLY NOT THE PERSON WHO NEEDS ME THE MOST RIGHT NOW
IT'S YOUR SON, NICK!
JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS.
YOU ALWAYS PROTECTED US.
I, TOO, WILL PROTECT YOUR SON.

I'M DYING TO RETURN YOUR DEEDS
BUT YOU'RE NOT HERE ANY-MORE
I NO LONGER CAN HELP YOU
IN MY HEART,
LOOK SO SAD TODAY
YOU
ARE YOU TIRED?
JUST GO HOME, THEN.
DON'T FORCE YOUR-SELF.
AH, NO!
I TALKED TO DOCTOR DENSHAM TODAY

I ASKED HER WHY
YOU CAME TO VISIT ME
WHY DO YOU CARE SO MUCH ABOUT ME, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE NOT RELATED?
NICK!
STRENGHTEN ME!
SO I CAN TELL HIM THE TRUTH WITHOUT HURTING HIM
YOUR FATHER
AND I...
WERE OLD FRIENDS

I RAN AWAY FROM HOME WHEN I WAS LITTLE.
I ALMOST DIED, BUT YOUR FATHER HELPED ME.
WE...
WERE PART OF GANGS-TERS.
SO...
WHAT ABOUT DAD?
HE PASS-ED AWAY.
TWO YEARS AGO.
MY BEST FRIEND SUPPLIED HIM.

WHY DID YOU TELL ME THIS?
I TOLD YOU I WAS FINE.
I WOULDN'T CARE IF SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT MY PARENTS HAD DIED.
WHY ...
BUT ...
I TOLD YOU.
I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER HOW DAD LOOKED.

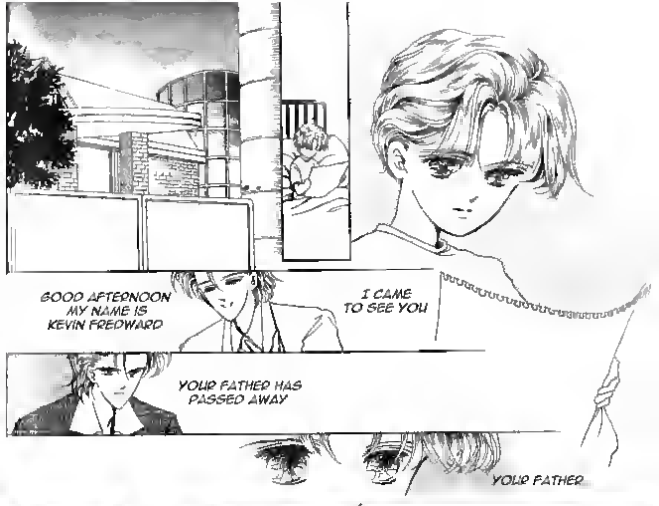
GET OUT!
I DON'T WANNA SEE YOUR FACE ANYMORE!
WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE YOU, A STRANGER!?

SLAM
EH?
YOU'RE EARLY TODAY,
KEVIN.
I HATE YOU!

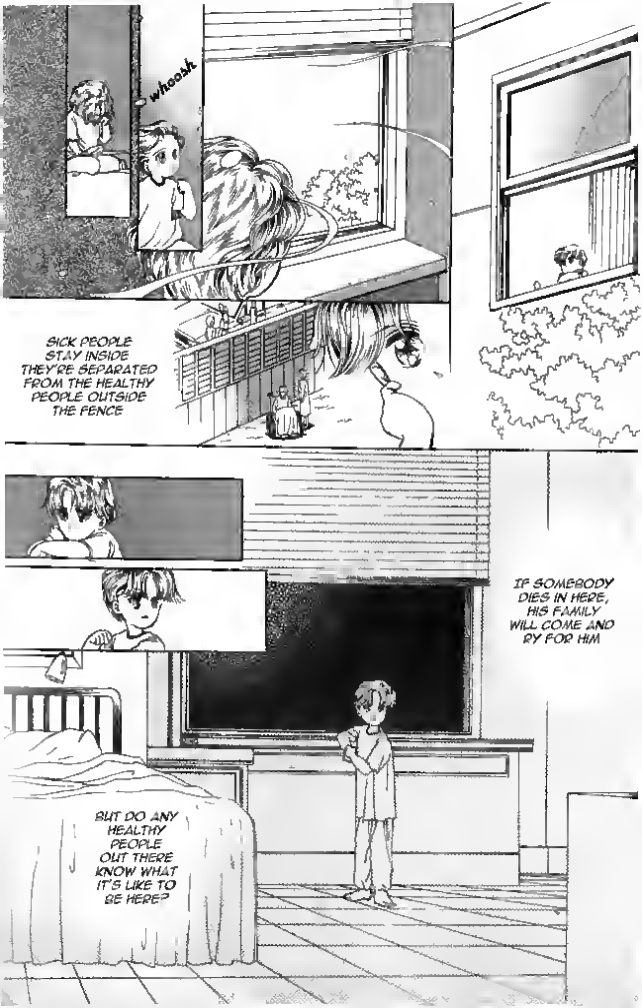
IS THAT SO?
NICK JR SAID SO?
I KNEW IT I SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD HIM THE TRUTH
IT'S BETTER FOR YOU TO SAY IT
IF YOU WANT TO BUILD A LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP
HONESTY IS THE WAY TO GO
YOU JUST TOLD HIM THE TRUTH

AS LONG AS YOU DON'T DOUBT YOURSELF,
I'M SURE NICK OR WILL UNDERSTAND YOU
I'M SORRY YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO CHEER ME UP
here, let me help you with that
Ah, sorry for the trouble.
ANYWAY, NOW THAT YOU'RE CHEERED UP
I JUST GOT A PHONE CALL FROM MS. ESMERALDA
It was a coincidence
BUGGH
SHE SAID THAT SHE'D FOUND A HOUSE NEARBY
WHAT!? SHE'S GOING TO BE OUR NEIGHBOR!?
HOHO!
HUUUUUUY

PLEASE TELL ME THAT'S NOT TRUE!
The trouble maker will come and stay around here!?
I WISH I COULD
HUH?
SHE SAID THAT SHE WAS LOOKING FOR A BIG, OLD HOUSE
IS THERE A BIG, OLD HOUSE AROUND HERE... APART FROM MINE?
IN HER DREAMS!
how about the help you said earlier?
"SIGH"
HM
I THINK THERE ARE SOME OF THEM
BUT MOST OF THEM ARE HISTORICAL BUILDINGS
I'M NOT SURE IF THEY WANT TO SELL THEM OR NOT...


GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS KEVIN FREDWARD
I CAME TO SEE YOU
YOUR FATHER HAS PASSED AWAY
YOUR FATHER

SIGH
I TALKED TOO MUCH
HE DION'T COME HERE FOR ME
HE CAME HERE...
FOR MY DAD WHO IS NO LONGER IN THIS WORLD


whoosh
SICK PEOPLE STAY INSIDE THEY'RE SEPARATED FROM THE HEALTHY PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE FENCE
IF SOMEBODY DIES IN HERE, HIS FAMILY WILL COME AND CRY FOR HIM
BUT DO ANY HEALTHY PEOPLE OUT THERE KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE HERE?

WILL THEY EVER WANT TO COME HERE?
IF THEY DO,
WHAT ABOUT MOM?
AH... THAT'S RIGHT...
I HAVE TO GO LOOK FOR MOM.
I HAVE TO KEEP HER COM-PANY.
CLICK
I'M SURE MOM'S LONELY.
SHE'S JUST LIKE ME. SHE HAS THE INFECTION TOO.
NOW THAT DAD'S GONE, I'M THE ONLY PERSON SHE HAS.

I'M LEAVING THIS PLACE!
THIS IS BAD!
DR DENSHAM!!
NURSE, DON'T RUN IN THE CORRIDOR
YOU'LL STARTLE THE PATIENTS
I'M SORRY, BUT NICK JR IS GONE!
DID YOU LOOK FOR HIM ALREADY?
A PATIENT
TREEE
SAW HIM LEAVE THE BUILDING ONE HOUR AGO
WHAT?!

LEAVE THE BUILDING ? BUT WHERE ?
HE COULD GET LOST...
DON'T TELL ME...
HE MISSED MR FREDWARD,
SO HE WENT TO SEE HIM?!
PLEASE FIND MR FREDWARD'S PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS IN THE PHONE BOOK!
AND TELL THE DIRECTOR TO WAIT BEFORE HE CALLS THE POLICE!
YES MA'AM!
RING
RING
RING
RING
RING
TWO SERVINGS OF CHOCOLATE CAKE AND STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM, PLEASE

ICE CREAM
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE THE LAST TIME WE WENT SHOPPING TOGETHER
THIS PLACE IS ALWAYS CROWDED
ARE YOU SURE WE GOT EVERY-THING CO-VERED?
YES, DO YOU NEED ANYTHING ELSE KEVIN?
NOW THAT YOU MEN-TION IT,
PROFESSOR WILLINGHAM NEEDS A NEW FLOWER POT I MIGHT AS WELL BUY IT FOR HIM
KLERK
NO ANSWER
I'M SORRY, BUT COULD YOU PLEASE LOOK FOR HIM AGAIN? HE COULD BE SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE
AND GO TO HIS HOUSE RIGHT AWAY
I'LL FINISH MY WORK,

WE'RE ALMOST THERE, THE QUELCI HILL HOSPITAL.
YOU'RE STILL WORKING, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE ILL.
SIR?
THOSE BUSINESS MATTERS CAN'T WAIT
I'M SURE MADAM WILL SCOLD YOU FOR THIS
HUH?
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG?
PLEASE STOP
SCREECH
THAT BOY... HE SEEMS ODD
HE'S ALL ALONE
AND HE'S WEARING SANDALS AND PAJAMAS

ARE YOU ALONE, LITTLE BOY?
I'M SURE YOUR MOTHER HAS PREPARED A DINNER FOR YOU
SHOULDN'T YOU BE HURRY HOME?
WHO ARE YOU?
.....
WHERE ARE YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER?
MY NAME IS RICHARD BLACKWELL.
DAD HAD PASSED AWAY
SO I'M LOOKING FOR MOM

DO YOU KNOW WHERE SHE IS?
IN THAT CASE COME WITH ME I'LL HELP YOU LOOK FOR YOUR MOM
DON'T TOUCH ME!
I'M SICK!
YOU'LL GET INFECTED ...
AND DIE!
SO IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM IF I TOUCH YOU RIGHT?
I'M SICK TOO. I HAVE BLOOD CANCER.
I'LL DIE ANY-WAY.
MASTER RE-H-ARD!

I DON'T WANT TO COME BACK TO THE ORPHANAGE, HOSPITAL OR SCHOOL!
NOBODY EVER VISITS ME FOR ME!
NO!
COME HERE.
I CAN'T LEAVE YOU HERE BY YOURSELF.
THEREFORE
AND I HAVE A SON TOO.
BECAUSE YOU'RE JUST A LITTLE BOY
WHY ARE YOU SO PERSISTENT?

I WANT TO GO TO MOM'S AND DAD'S PLACE!!
HEY!
WAIT!
MASTER YOU SHOULDN'T RUN!
LET ME GO AFTER HIM
Dear Nick Jr.
from your friend
Kevin Freckhead

KEVIN FREDWARD...
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WAIT!
!
UGHH

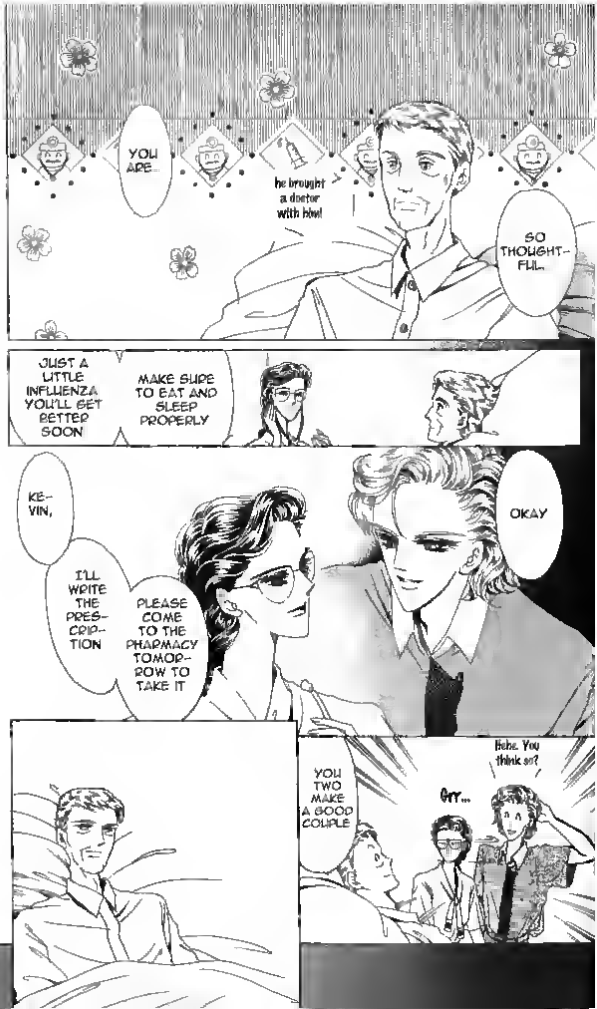
MAS-TER RICH-ARD!
WH..T HAPPEN-ED?
HE FELL DOWN ALL OF A SUDDEN.
LET'S BRING HIM TO THE HOSPITAL! QUICK!
LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT A GUEST.
KYAAA~!
WOOF WOOF!
HUH?
IT'S CLIFF'S VOICE
WE'D SPENT TOO MUCH TIME OUT-SIDE
CLIFF MUST BE VERY HUNGRY BY NOW

PLEASE GET HIM OFF OF ME!
HAPPY
GLO-RIA?
what are you doing there?
NICK JR IS GONE!
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY!
YOU HATE DOGS?
MAY I USE YOUR PHONE, PLEASE?
I WANT TO CALL THE HOSPITAL NOW!
PLEASE GET RID OF THIS DOG FOR ME.
AND ALSO...
let's play!
"dial"
WHAT?!
HE'S BEEN FOUND?!

NICK JR RAN AWAY FROM THE HOSPITAL...
IT WAS ALL MY FAULT!
THEY SAID THAT SOMEBODY WHO ACCIDENTALLY WANTED TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL FOUND HIM
HE COLLAPSED ON THE WAY, BUT HE DRANK HIS MEDICINE AND IS SLEEPING NOW
WHO COULD THIS PERSON BE?
I HAVE TO THANK HIM TOMORROW.
IT'S OKAY CLIFF WON'T MOVE
don't move
HUH?
I'm a good dog.

IS THIS YOUR KITCHEN?
AH ALL THAT SCREAMING AND YELLING MADE ME THIRSTY
MAY I HAVE A GLASS OF WATER, PLEASE?
AH!
DON'T COME IN!
I'VE PREPARED YOU A COLD DRINK
I'M SORRY BUT COULD YOU FIX SOMETHING WARM FOR ME?
HA?!
OF COURSE.
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK SURPRISED?
AH, N-NO
WAAAAAAAA
Yup
This is a normal reaction
Walk walk
STOP

PHEW
I SEE A BUNCH OF STARS..
KEVIN, YOU BETTER GO TO PROF WILLINGHAM'S HOUSE NOW
YOU WON'T HAVE TIME TO GO THERE ANYMORE TOMORROW WILL YOU?
she can talk?
YEAH
HELLO, PROFESSOR?
YES
ROSEMARY! BRING ME SOME MEDICINE!
PROFESSOR IS LYING SICK ON HIS BED NOW.
A DOCTOR!
thank you
COME WITH ME!
WUSSSH
wuuu..!
INSTEAD OF MEDICINE. SHOULD WE CALL A DOCTOR?
OK!


YOU ARE...
he brought a doctor with him!
SO THOUGHT-FUL..
JUST A LITTLE INFLUENZA YOU'LL GET BETTER SOON
MAKE SURE TO EAT AND SLEEP PROPERLY
KE-VIN,
I'LL WRITE THE PRES-CRIP-TION
PLEASE COME TO THE PHARMACY TOMOR-ROW TO TAKE IT
OKAY
YOU TWO MAKE A GOOD COUPLE
Hehe. You think so?
Grr...

I'VE ALWAYS CAUSED YOU TROUBLE
PROFESSOR YOU ONLY GOT A LITTLE INFLUENZA. IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE NOT GOING TO SEE EACH OTHER ANYMORE
I'M THINKING OF SELLING THIS HOUSE

THIS MORNING
THE PEOPLE FROM THE BANK CAME HERE ALONG WITH THE PERSON WHO'D LIKE TO BUY THIS HOUSE
I HAVE HIS NAME CARD OVER THERE
SHE SAID THAT SHE'D FOUND A HOUSE NEARBY
THERE'S NO MISTAKE!
THIS IS ESMERALDA'S AGENT
SO, WHERE WILL YOU LIVE AFTER YOU SELL THIS HOUSE?
I CHECKED THE BROCHURE
AND FOUND PRIVATE SENIOR CARE HOUSING NEARBY
IT'S CONVENIENT
WITH 24/7
DOCTORS AND NURSES

SO YOU'RE SELLING THIS HOUSE?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT'S UP TO YOU, PROFESSOR.

WELL
I NEED MONEY TO PAY THE HOUSING
THIS IS PROBABLY THE BEST WAY FOR ME TO REPAY MY DEEDS TO MY CHILDREN
I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'LL ACCEPT IT OR NOT, THOUGH
KEVIN A MOMENT
WHY DIDN'T YOU TALK TO HIM?
PLEASE,
IF HE ASKS FOR YOUR OPINION, GIVE IT TO HIM!
I'M SURE YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS TOO!
I'VE SEEN SO MANY PEOPLE LIKE THAT
RIGHT NOW HE'S JUST GOT A LITTLE FLU, THAT'S ALL IF HE STAYS IN THE CARE HOUSING, HE'LL GET WEAKER AND WEAKER

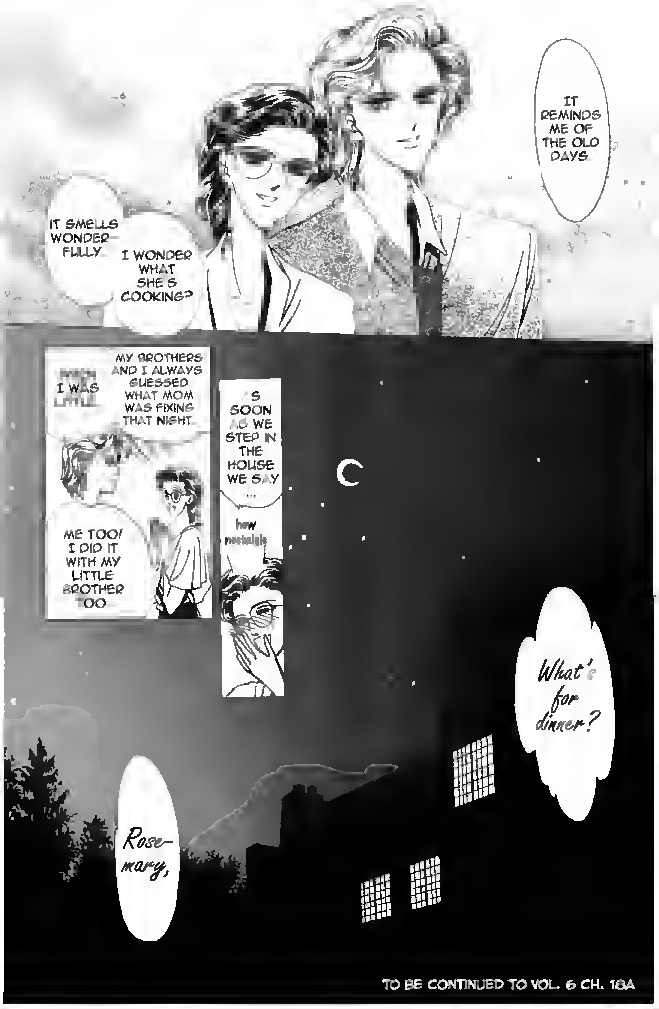
THANK YOU FOR THE NEW POT, THOUGH.
YOU'RE GOING HOME NOW? IT WAS A MESS TODAY.
UN-CLE
IT WAS PROF-ESSOR. NOW YOU'RE CALLING ME UNCLE?
..... DON'T SELL THIS HOUSE.
DON'T EVER SELL THIS HOUSE, UNCLE!

IF YOU SELL IT, YOU WILL SELL YOUR PRIDE AND HISTORY ALONG WITH IT!
THERE-FORE, DON'T EVER SELL THIS HOUSE!
SILLY BOY
THIS HOUSE IS LIKE YOUR BODY
YOU BUILT THIS HOUSE WITH YOUR SWEAT AND BLOOD
THIS MIGHT NOT BE MY PLACE TO SAY, BUT ...

I JUST ASKED YOUR OPINION, DIDN'T I?
WHO SAID THAT I WAS GOING TO SELL THIS HOUSE?
!
NOW
I'M HONOR-ED
...
WHAT IF WE GO FISHING TOGET-HER?
THE LADY CAN JOIN US TOO IF SHE WANTS
OF COURSE.
CAN I BRING A LITTLE BOY TOO TO JOIN US?
HE'S MY FRIEND'S SON.
THE MORE THE MERRIER.

FAMI-LY, EH
HUH ?
THAT PROFES-SOR AND NICK JR TOO.
EVERY-ONE NEEDS FAMILY
IN THAT CASE
HM NOTHING
NO WAY, WHAT IS IT?
WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY "IN THAT CASE"? TELL ME!
HM? WHAT?
IT'S A SECRET.

YOU'LL KNOW ABOUT IT SOONER OR LATER.
I'LL NEED YOUR HELP ANYWAY.
I'LL NEED EVERYONE'S HELP.
NOT ONLY YOU
ROSEMARY TOO.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO EAT DINNER IN MY HOUSE?
HUH?
all of a sudden
I TOLD YOU BEFORE. I WON'T DATE YOU FOR THE NEXT THOUSAND YEARS.
BUT ROSEMARY'S COOKING IS INCREDIBLE.
OKAY. FINE.
I'M SURE EVEN A DUCK HAS GOOD PALATES.
THERE! A LIGHT COMES FROM YOUR HOUSE.
BESIDES NOBODY WILL WELCOME ME IF I GO HOME NOW ANYWAY.


IT REMINDS ME OF THE OLD DAYS.
IT SMELLS WONDERFULLY.
I WONDER WHAT SHE'S COOKING?
WHEN I WAS LITTLE
MY BROTHERS AND I ALWAYS GUESSED WHAT MOM WAS FIXING THAT NIGHT.
ME TOO! I DID IT WITH MY LITTLE BROTHER TOO.
'S SOON AS WE STEP IN THE HOUSE WE SAY ...
how nostalgic
What's for dinner?
Rose-mary,

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